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Church News

VIRGINIA.

Farmville: Rev. Chas F. Rankin has entered upon his work as pastor of the Farmville church. He occupied the pulpit morning and evening on the last Sunday of October, his text in the morning, 1 Sam. 10:26, and in evening Acts 9:6. The sermons were short, crisp, clear, strong, logical, scriptural and greatly enjoyed by large congregations. Mr. Rankin and family found the manse repainted, repapered and generally repaired, with the pantry well stocked with table luxuries. They have been cordially received, and the confident hope is for a successful pastorate. At the close of the morning sermon Messrs. J. Taylor Thompson and C. W. Harrison were installed and ordained as deacons. R. B. B.

Hat Creek: Our meeting held from October 21st to 29th, was a season of spiritual pleasure and blessing. Rev. Cochran Preston, of Charlotte Court-house, preached for us, and he came "in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel." The weather was, for the most part, fine; the congregations were large and earnest; the preaching was faithful and searching; saints were edified, and there was evidence of God's converting power among the impenitent.

Addison.

Clifton Forge: The Rev. R. G. McLees, of Chatham, Va., assisted the pastor, Rev. L. H. Paul, in an evangelistic meeting in this church from October 7th to October 16th, preaching the pure gospel with wonderful simplicity and power. There were twenty-four additions to the church and others may follow.

Keysville: Mrs. Charles M. Hutcherson, president of Roanoke Presbyterian, has just returned from attending Synodical in Shepherdstown, W. Va. She reports an instructive and enthusiastic meeting.

Rev. James A. Armstrong, accompanied by his mother, is enjoying his vacation in Petersburg. They are visiting in the home of Dr. C. R. Stribbling. Mrs. Armstrong, Jr., is visiting her parents in Farmville, Va.

Mr. Taylor Jacob Morton received through Rev. Hugh H. Hudson, superintendent of Home Missions and Sunday-school Work, resolution expressed at a recent meeting of West Hanover Presbytery, thanking him heartily for excellent and faithful services rendered during the past summer in the

mission fields in the mountain section near Greenwood and Afton, Va.

West Hanover Presbytery: The constitutional requirements having been complied with a meeting of West Hanover Presbytery is called to convene at Hampden-Sidney November 13, 1917, at 3 P. M., to receive Rev. Charles F. Rankin from South Carolina Presbytery and Rev. E. G. Gammon from West Texas Presbytery, and to take orders to install them as pastors of the Farmville and College churches, respectively.

E. C. Caldwell, Moderator.

Lexington: Rev. A. E. Baker, of Glasgow, Va., preached for us twice Sunday, October 21st, and Rev. Dr. F. T. McFaden, of Richmond, occupied the pulpit morning and night the following Sabbath, succeeded by our neighbor, Rev. D. N. Yarbro, of New Monmouth, November 4th. After that, and until further arrangements are made, the pulpit is to be supplied by Rev. Dr. J. R. Howerton, professor of Moral Philosophy in Washington and Lee University. The prayer meeting Wednesday night, October 31st, was conducted by our pastor, Rev. Dr. A. T. Graham, who thus closed his loving and laborious and fruitful ministry of a little more than ten years. It was one of the "last times" that brings a sense of bereavement to many hearts.

A. H.

Rockfish: The writer has just closed a week's meeting at Proffitt's chapel. From the very beginning there was marked interest and the Holy Spirit seemed to be with us in power. Eight persons professed their faith in Christ. On last Sunday night six of these were received into the membership of Rockfish Presbyterian church and the other two desire to unite with the Methodist church. May the great Shepherd bring them safely to his heavenly fold!

J. Preston Proffitt.

ALABAMA.

Plunket Memorial church is located in Fairfield, just south of Birmingham. It began as a mission and became an organized church only a few years ago. It is now well organized in every department, though at present without a minister. The town has been built and is largely owned by the Fairfield Land Company. Our church has three valuable, beautiful and well located lots, donated by this company. A small building has been erected and fully paid for, and is now being used as a church. New homes are being built and new enterprises developed, costing millions of dollars. The population is rapidly increasing. The field is one of the most hopeful that we have, and if well cared for will soon be strong in numbers and influence. During our meeting two officers were elected, ordained and installed, as an elder, Thomas McLaughlin; as a deacon, Albert Chalmers. Seven members were received, six of whom were heads of families. Three little children were baptized. A committee was appointed to secure a minister. The sum of \$50.20 was raised for incidental expenses and evangelistic work. Besides all the places of business, ninety-eight homes were visited and prayer held in most of them. I go from here to Fairview, Ala., to assist Rev. J. C. McQueen.

Wm. H. Richardson.

APPALACHIA.

Stonewall Jackson College: A delightful occasion long to be remembered by those present was the banquet at Stonewall Jackson College Wednesday evening, given by the ladies of Sinking Spring church to the delegates attending Synod at this place.

Over one hundred and fifty invitations were accepted, and immediately after the last course was served the following well known speakers inspired the guests in a manner which sustained their high reputation for ability in responding to the toasts assigned them.

Rev. R. F. Campbell acted as toastmaster, while the following toasts were responded to: "The College," by Judge John A. Buchanan, president of the Board of Trustees; "King College," by Rev. Charles C. Carson; "Synod of Appalachia and Stonewall," by Rev. T. S. McCallie; "The Memorial to Jackson's Men," by Rev. J. Lynn Bachman, D. D.; "The Ladies Who Served the Banquet," by Rev. W. T. Thompson, Jr., moderator; "The Mountaineer," by J. Fred. Johnson; "Greater Stonewall Jackson College," by J. R. Dobyns, president.

After the toasts were finished the guests were invited into the chapel, where a reception and musical program concluded the four hours of enjoyment as prepared in part to add to their enjoyment while attending this session's meeting.

M. B. B.

ARKANSAS.

Mountain Valley: A meeting was held in this church recently. The pastor, Rev. John T. Barr did the preaching. There was more interest in the services than has ever been shown before, there being abundance of evidence that the people were deeply stirred. There were a number of professions of faith and four additions to the church. It would seem that crust of indifference in this community has been broken at last, and larger results seem probable in the future.

FLORIDA.

Bartow: Two members were recently received by certificate. The congregation was pained to learn that Rev. Dr. P. W. Sinks, now of Kingsville, Ohio, the predecessor of Rev. Mr. Turpin, recently lost his oldest daughter. She was highly accomplished and wrote poems of much merit. Married less than a year, she leaves an infant son. The sympathy of the doctor's many friends in this community goes out to him and the family in this sad bereavement.

Y.

Sanford: Rev. E. D. Brownlee pastor: This church has opened its winter work under very encouraging conditions. Eleven have united with the church and 25 per cent. of the congregation has established family altars. We are now prosecuting a campaign in November to enroll every church member as a member of the Daily Bible Readers' League. It has every prospect of marked success. The church is working under a definite program for the winter, which has been printed in an attractive booklet. We have set as our goal a minimum increase of 20 per cent. in membership for the year, and it seems that we will surpass that. We have more than doubled in five years.

Synod of Florida: The approaching meeting of the Synod at Gainesville, November 13th will be a Sunday-school Synod. Every minister and Sunday-school superintendent is urged to be present. The following will be the Sunday-school program: Wednesday, 11 A. M., Importance of the Sunday-school in the Work of the Kingdom, by Dr. Glass; Thursday, 10 A. M., The Best Thing in My School and How It Is Done, by a number of live Sunday-school men (three minute speeches); Thursday, 11 A. M., Some Sunday-school Ideals and How to Realize Them, by Dr. Glass; Thursday,

7:30 P. M., The Teacher Training Problem, by Dr. Calvin H. French, president Rollins College; Thursday, 8 P. M., the Spiritual Life of the Superintendent, by Rev. J. G. Venable.

E. D. Brownlee,

Chairman Synodical Com. on Sunday-schools.

GEORGIA.

Atlanta, West End: The Sabbath school observed Rally Day with great enthusiasm. The Sunday-school room was lavishly decorated with autumn flowers, and a splendid program was carried out. A record breaking attendance was present, and there was a liberal offering for Sabbath School Extension. Sunday night, October 21, a commission of Atlanta Presbytery installed Rev. R. F. Kirkpatrick pastor. Rev. J. Spole Lyon, D. D., presided, preached the sermon, and asked the questions. Rev. D. M. MacIver, D. D., delivered the charge to the pastor, and Rev. A. A. Little, D. D., charged the congregation. A special musical program was rendered, and a large congregation was present. On the 28th of October Messrs. T. A. Cox, Murray Howard, R. A. Thompson and W. C. White were duly ordained and installed deacons, having been previously elected by the congregation.

Fort Gaines: Preparatory to the coming of Dr. M. McG. Shields, Synodical evangelist for Georgia, our beloved, untiring and able pastor, Rev. A. H. Atkins preached some fine sermons on the 4th and 5th. On the first Sabbath Dr. Shields began the revival services which were continued to following Sabbath evening, preaching twice daily. Our sister churches united with us cordially and congregations were fully as good as were expected and increased to the last. But I fear a great many missed a full blessing, as they were more interested in the harvesting their cotton, corn, peanuts, velvet bean crops than in gathering in the Lord's garner a harvest of souls, for Dr. Shields was full in the Spirit, and his sermons from start to finish were gospel to the core. Sermons of such power and lasting impression it has rarely been the privilege of Fort Gaines to hear and enjoy. And the universal comment after each service was, "Fine, grand," and though we received no additions to our communion, the church was greatly encouraged, reconsecrated and united, and my prayer is that she will "shine, shine" and "shine for the Lord" always.

J. P. Sharp.

Donaldsonville: On Rally Day there was a 97 per cent. attendance upon the school and a liberal offering to the extension work of the Assembly. After the morning sermon the officers and teachers of the school were installed and were given a solemn, Scriptural charge to be faithful. At the evening service a young woman united with the church on profession of faith and baptism. This second Sunday afternoon Rev. J. W. Stokes preached in a church building sixteen miles south of town. There were seven renewals and one profession of faith. Here a Sabbath school is maintained for this community by the daughter of two of our members.

KENTUCKY.

Louisville: The Reformation quadricentary was celebrated in a most fitting way by the Protestant churches of Louisville. Dr. W. A. Ganfield, president of Central University, Danville, Ky., was the principal speaker for Sunday afternoon, October 28th, in a great meeting held at Warren Memorial church, his subject being "The Spirit of the Reformation and Its Ap-